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**Obey SAYS PRESIDENT's COMMENTS on GAS PRICES
SHOW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS CLUELESS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) released the following statement today in response to comments President Bush made yesterday showing that he was unaware of the anticipated steep increase in the price of gasoline.

"It was quite startling yesterday to see the President of the United States tell a reporter that he didn't have any idea that the country was nearing the \$4 mark for a gallon of gasoline.

"I'm not surprised at how out of touch the White House is with what American's are going through given the fact that they seem to be oblivious to the need for extending unemployment insurance and taking other actions to help middle and low income families deal with the whole range of economic problems they face. But it was amazing to me that an oil man wouldn't know what's been happening with oil prices.

"This just shows that the Administration is clueless even on the one issue that the President and Mr. Cheney are supposed to be experts on.

"It's a good thing that the House passed legislation this week that would cut back on the tax subsidies being given to big energy companies and instead invest that money into putting alternative energy sources to use."

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BACKGROUND: [LA Times: \\$4 gasoline? It's news to Bush](#)